

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A layered product for non-touch application of an adhesive article comprising a cover layer inseparably attached to an adhesive layer, said adhesive article being interposed between a top layer and a bottom layer where the top layer is situated proximate to the cover layer and the bottom layer situated proximate to the adhesive layer, said bottom layer having a release layer which is releasable attached to a first end portion of the adhesive surface of said adhesive layer **characterized in that** a second end portion of the adhesive surface of said adhesive layer is releasable attached to a first portion of a tab member which is attached to the top layer, or formed from a part of the top layer, and a second portion of said tab member forming a layer situated on the top layer.

Claim 2 (original): A layered product according to claim 1 wherein the top layer and the bottom layer are fastened to each other, at least at the edge opposite the position of the tab member.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-2~~ claim 1 wherein the bottom layer and the top layer have a surface area that is larger than the area of the adhesive article, and the top and bottom layer as well as the tab member and the top layer, are releasable sealed or attached to each other thereby forming a package containing the adhesive article.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1 wherein the tab member is a separate member fastened to the top layer.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-4~~ claim 1 wherein said first portion of the tab member has a smaller area than said second portion of the tab member.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~claims 1-5~~ claim 1 wherein the tab member and the top layer in combination with the bottom layer, is designed to be used as a non-touch grip for pulling apart the top layer and the bottom layer and exposing the adhesive surface of the adhesive article.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-6~~ claim 1 wherein the tab member is a single layer optionally carrying a release layer, which is releasable attached to said second portion of said adhesive surface of the article.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~claims any of claims 1-7~~ claim 1, wherein an area of the bottom layer, situated peripherally to the release layer on the bottom layer is covered by an adhesive layer, which is releasable attached to the top layer.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-7~~ claim 1 wherein a area of the top layer situated peripherally to the cover layer of the adhesive article, and optionally a part of the tab member, is covered by an adhesive layer which is releasable attached to the bottom layer.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-7~~ claim 1 wherein an area of the bottom layer situated peripherally to the release layer on the bottom layer is covered by a cohesive layer and the surface of the top layer and tab member facing the bottom layer is covered by a cohesive layer essentially forming a mirror image of the cohesive layer on the bottom surface

and said cohesive layers releasable attaching the top layer to the bottom layer.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-10~~ claim 1 characterized in that more than 50 % of the adhesive surface of the adhesive article is releasable attached to the release layer situated on the bottom layer and less than 50 % of the adhesive surface area of the adhesive article is releasable attached to the tab member.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 11~~ claim 11 characterized in that more than 85 % of the adhesive surface of the adhesive article is releasable attached to the release layer situated on the bottom layer and less than 15 % of the adhesive surface area of the adhesive article is releasable attached to the tab member.

Claim 13 (original): A layered product according to claim 1 wherein the tab member has an area between 36 mm³ and 400 mm³, suitably between 64 mm³ and 400 mm³.

Claim 14 (original): A layered product according to claim 1 wherein the tab member is formed by folding of the top layer once upon itself.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A layered product according to claim ~~1-14~~ 1 wherein the tab member is a separate member fastened to the top layer at one or more edge(s) of the top layer or proximate to an edge(s) of the top layer.

Claim 16 (original): A layered product according to claim 15 wherein the tab member is a separate member releasable attached to the top layer.

Claim 17 (original): A layered product according to claim 15 wherein the tab member is a separate member inseparably attached to the top layer.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-14~~ claim 1 wherein the tab member is releasable attached to the top layer over the entire surface of the tab member facing the top layer.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-14~~ claim 1 wherein the tab member is inseparably attached to the top layer over the entire surface of the tab member facing the top layer.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A method for non-touch application of an adhesive article to a surface **characterised in that** a layered product according to ~~any of claims 1-19~~ claim 1 is provided; the adhesive surface is exposed by gripping with one hand around the grip formed by the tap member and the top layer, gripping with the other hand, the grip formed by the bottom layer and pulling apart the top and bottom layer, while leaving the bottom layer and top layer attached to each other at the edge opposite the position of the tap member; applying the adhesive article to the a surface using one hand only and using the top layer as a dimensionally stable layer to support the adhesive article as it is placed on the surface; and separating the second portion of the adhesive surface of the adhesive article from the tap member by pulling the grip formed by the tap member and the top layer along the surface to which the adhesive article has been applied.